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#### Put Your Faith in Truth.

Have faith in truth, never in numbers. The great surge of numbers rolls up totally and impetuously, but fades on the shore, and slides back into the mud of oblivion. But a true opinion is the ocean itself, calm in its rest, eternal in its power.—Platt.

#### English and American Gallon.

The English gallon is ten pounds of water at a temperature of 62 degrees Fahrenheit. The American gallon weighs only 8.33 pounds. The difference, therefore, is 1.67 pounds. The American gallon is equivalent to 2,750 liters.

#### Inventor of Hanson Cab.

The Hanson cab was the invention of Joseph Aloysius Hanson, an eminent English architect, who flourished about 75 years ago. He invented what he called the patent safety cab about 1822 and died in 1823.

#### The Call of Companionship.

You often hear a lonesome child say: "I want some one to play with!" Miserly people often become lonesome and want some one to play with, but are afraid to say so.—Atchison Globe.

#### Revised.

"Who steals my wife's purse steals trash," muttered the head of the house as he fumbled through a bunch of hairpins, recipes, chamomile rag, silk samples, etc., to find a quarter.—Detroit Free Press.

#### Mourning.

Exterior signs of great afflictions are for the living as monuments are for the dead; they often attest more coarsely than sorrow or virtue.—Chateaubriand.

#### The Wiser Counsel.

It is better to listen to those who shout at us from afar: "Relieve our misery," than to those who whisper in our ears: "Augment your fortune."—Marie Lezinaka.

#### Supply Assured.

Elaine halted in the middle of her prayer. "No use asking for bread," observed she, "when the bakerman comes every morning."

#### Raps at Faith Cure.

Says the Philosopher of Polly: "The thing that faith cure has cured most people of is faith in the faith cure."—Cleveland Leader.

#### Mistake Some Men Make.

A good many men think kissing when it is necessary to put on evening clothes is a sign of genius.

#### Above Consistency.

Emerson: With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do. Q

#### An Air-Loving World Wanted.

Once get a nation into loving fresh air instead of hating it out and not only is that nation going to reap compensation, but it is going to better itself physically in such a measure as to be practically immune from other diseases.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

#### The Real Problem.

A New Yorker has built a hospital to find out why hens do not lay, when eggs are 60 cents a dozen. He will have to build an insane asylum if he wants to find out why they cross the road.

#### Other Fish to Fry.

"Ma'am, here's a man at the door with a parcel for you." "What is it, Bridget?" "It's a fish, ma'am, and it's marked C. O. D." "Then make the man take it straight back to the dealer. I ordered trout."

#### Needed a Bonnet.

When Harry's little sister came, the nurse brought him in from play to see her. He looked at her with a frown and then said: "She got awful sunburnt coming down from heaven; she is so red."—Delineator.

#### See?

"If you want to see the bright side of life," said Uncle Eben, "you've got to be willing to put in a little patience and hard work to help keep it polished up."

#### Post-Prandial Indulgence.

The man who regularly drinks coffee, port or liquor after dinner is physiologically worse off than the man who does not.—The Lancet.

#### Well! Well!

It seems to make some people positively angry if one intimates that this world is not wholly a wilderness of woe.—Nashville American.

#### Sport-Loving Australians.

Australia's love of outdoor sports sometimes greatly on a very favorable climate and the universal half-holiday on Saturday.

#### Will Sell Old Fire Engine.

The authorities in the village of Holywell, Flintshire, England, have decided to sell an old fire engine which they possess. It is probably the oldest fire engine in the kingdom.

#### One Exception.

"Distance," says the Philosopher of Polly, "leads enchantment to the view of almost everything but pay day."

#### Fortunately for Some of Us.

Considering the modern novel, it is scarcely safe to say that one's life is an open book.

#### SUFFER AND DIE IN A WRECK.

Fishermen Have Terrible Experience On Coast of Iceland.

A terrible tale of shipwreck was told by the nine survivors of the crew of 18 of the Grimsey trawler Washington, which was wrecked on the coast of Iceland on December 22. The men swam ashore recently, their hands and feet still showing signs of their sufferings during a blizzard. The vessel was wrecked during a heavy gale on the rocks near Seltegg, and the only boat and two rafts were washed away. Notwithstanding the ghastly conditions which swept over the ship, the mate, Alma Krump, seized a life-line and endeavored to swim with it to the shore 200 yards away. His attempt failed, however, and his shipmates had to haul him back to the ship. No terrible had been his sufferings that he went mad and died within half an hour. Then the second engineer went mad, and as the tide rose the crew had to retreat to the wheel-house, where they stood up to their waists in water, holding the insane engineer. When the tide receded they found some food, but it was soaked in salt water. When the darkness came on the tide rose again and the vigil of the crew through the long night was a terrible one, and before daylight came two of the hands and the mad engineer had been washed away. In the morning the plight of the shipwrecked sailors was seen by the islanders, and they were rescued by means of a line.

#### REWARDED FOR HIS TRUSTING.

Shoemaker's Faith in Providence Evidently Was Not Misplaced.

The pastor of a negro church in a southern state was one day making his weekly visit, when he dropped in upon a member of his congregation who was a shoemaker. The preacher was surprised to find that his parishioner, usually of a bright and lively demeanor, was on this occasion in an extremely despondent mood.

"Well, doctah," explained the shoemaker, sadly, in response to the divine's question, "I've just got a rival shoemaker dat's set up ag'inst me down the street, an' mah trade is already beginning to leave."

"Come, come, man," expostulated the clergyman, "you mustn't allow yourself to be cast down like that! Meet your trouble like a man, and, above all, trust to Providence and all will come right."

When, on the next round of visits, the minister called again on the shoemaker, he was delighted to find the cobbler as cheery and gay as ever he was.

"I told you your troubles would vanish if you trusted in Providence, didn't I?" demanded the preacher.

"That's right!" quickly answered the other. "And I took your advice." Then, after a bit, he added, significantly, "The other shoemaker's dead!"—Harper's Weekly.

#### Curious Mourning Custom.

A curious mourning custom obtains among central Australians, who, although representing, perhaps, the lowest and most degraded type of human beings, have managed to evolve a most complex system of rites and ceremonies, which govern almost every action of their lives. When a husband dies, the widow punishes herself all over with white pigment, and for the space of a year must not exhibit herself to a male member of the tribe on pain of death. For the rest of her life, unless she marries again, which is sometimes allowed, she must not speak, but communicate with the other women by means of a sign language, consisting of movements of the hands and fingers, which has been developed by these savages to a marvelous extent, and by which their limited stock of ideas can be fully expressed.

#### A Dramatic Suicide.

A novel, but gruesome, method of suicide is that of Lieut. Stanwecker, Galicia. He saturated the furniture of his room with naphtha, which he also poured over the floor, and he placed on the carpet a number of ball candles. Then he fired the room in several places, so that in a few minutes it was converted into a veritable furnace, and finally buried himself into the midst of the flames. The smoke and a series of violent explosions alarmed the neighbors, who hastened to help in extinguishing the fire, but when it was possible to enter the house only the ashes of the lieutenant were to be found.

#### The American Voice.

Whatever be the cause, it is a fact that American men no longer seek to control the pitch of their voices as the gentlemen of the old school were taught to do. Undue haste, excessive nervousness, and a vigor of purpose that is likely to assert itself in an overemphatic manner have probably combined to produce in the American voice that raw, shrill, unrestrained quality so noticeable. The voices of American women are even more shocking when heard in contrast to the low, well-modulated voices of European women.—Washington Post.

#### Yellow Peril.

"What is your idea of the yellow peril?" "The only one I'm afraid of," answered the comfortable statesman, "is the restaurant soft-boiled egg."

#### Nothing Pure.

Bill—Do you believe this theory that there are microbes in kisses? Jill—Oh, yes; everything seems to be adulterated nowadays.

#### Goose Considered Sacred Bird.

To many peoples the goose was a sacred bird, and even to this day there are found many, especially in Asia, who will not kill a goose. The devout cherish a fond fancy that all geese perform an aerial pilgrimage to the holiest of lakes in the Himalayas every year, transporting the sins of the neighborhood, returning with a new stock of inspiration for the encouragement of the devout.

#### Money and Its Drawbacks.

Some people are left money just in the nick of time, and make good use of it. It is ruinous to others to receive money that they have never earned. A good many people would never do any work at all if it wasn't for the fact that they had to, and so a wise Providence decrees that money shall not come their way except by the sweat of their brow.—The Captain.

#### Glory.

How many metals make the bronze of Corinth? Insults on boards or on paper, the spot of ink or charcoal or mud, the drop of heart, of mind and of body, the dirt of calumny, all these, under the sun, dry, harden, turn into bronze solid and brilliant—a pure bronze, which is called glory!—Gautille Mendes.

#### Woman's Remarkable Feat.

Though the compiling of a dictionary is a task that even a corps of trained editors undertake with no slight hesitation, a Washington woman, Mrs. George H. Gorham, finished the remarkable feat of writing an idiomatic French-English, English-French dictionary entirely unaided.

#### The Lesser Evil.

The colored boy employed by a New York lady was named Lyeurgus Jones. "Lyeurgus is a rather long name," she said to him; "suppose I call you Gus for short." "Ah, doesn't like nicknames," he replied; "if you doesn't like Lyeurgus, you kin call me Jonesey." She calls him Lyeurgus.

#### The Highest Authorities.

A Kentucky physician, after extensive experiments, has written a paper to show that whisky aggravates the venom of snake bites. This is testimony from a high source and leaves little to be done except to appeal the case to the supreme experts in North Carolina.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### Humanitarian Who Failed.

A Brooklyn man complains that he lost \$500 backing up an invention to prevent snoring. He can at least count on the sympathy of several million "light sleepers," who will join him in heartfelt regrets that the anti-snoring device did not succeed.

#### By the Grace of God Alone.

No iron chain, or outward force

of any kind, could ever compel the soul of man to believe or to disbelieve; it is his own indefeasible right, that judgment of his; he will reign and believe there by the grace of God alone.—Thomas Carlyle.

#### Cultivate Ideals.

It is a cheering thing to meet young minds inspired by ideals. It is a delightful pastime to give a quarter of an hour a day to a great poet. Have a little blank book and copy a quotation or two when you meet them.

#### Newest Thief-Catcher.

A recently invented thief-catcher for stores consists of a system of levers, which will close doors from behind a counter on pressing a pedal and at the same time ring an alarm outside the building.

#### Death of Great Actresses.

Although acting is essentially a feminine art, Englishwomen are making far less mark in it at the present time than in probably any other period of our theatrical history. We have no Mrs. Siddons.—London Tatler.

#### Old Thoughts May Be New.

A thought is often original, though you have uttered it a hundred times. It has come to you over a new route by an express train of associations.—Holmes.

#### Introduce Method.

"More time," is the usual exclamation, even by those who have all the time there is. They should bethink themselves about more method, or else waste less time.—W. H. Howe.

#### Think It Over.

When you avail yourself of an opportunity to get even with a man you furnish him with a desire to get back at you.

#### Tulips Like the Light.

Tulips are very sensitive to the light. During a cloudy day they will sometimes close their petals, and not open them until the sunlight returns.

#### Lessons from Experience.

Publius Syrus: Learn to see in another's calamity the ill which you should avoid.

#### Double Use for Electric Fan.

The electric fan for winter ventilation is quite as important as for summer cooling.—Philadelphia Record.

#### Laughter Sometimes Out of Place.

Quintilian: A laugh costs too much if it is bought at the expense of propriety.

#### Lake Erie Rich in Fish.

Lake Erie is the richest body of water in the world in fish.